

Below are questions that were received during the 2020 Fellowship Training Program Directors Webinar. If you have additional questions, please send an email to TACC@asts.org. The program requirements discussed during the webinar can be found [here](#).

Q: Who is eligible for the Fellowship Certification Pathway?

A: The Fellowship Certification Pathway is for fellows who have completed training 2019 and onward. The details of the pathway will be sent out to eligible fellows and programs soon. The TACC is also in the process of developing the pathway for individuals who completed training prior to 2019.

Q: Is the certification going to be organ specific and HB specific?

A: The TACC Abdominal Transplant Surgeon certification will not be organ specific. Candidates who successfully complete all requirements will receive one certification.

Q: Is the fellowship certification pathway only available for surgeons working in US?

A: No, the fellowship certification pathway will be available for US or non-US surgeons who have successfully completed a TACC Accredited Fellowship Training program, have been in practice for one to five years, and have an active license to practice.

Q: Have there been discussions about development of a combination residency fellowship track?

A: There are a few programs who have 4+2 model fellowship training programs with a combined residency track. The Fellowship Training Committee is monitoring the development of this pathway and the progress of the residents/fellows currently enrolled in the track.

Q: Are the bi-annual operative and non-operative milestone assessments being revised?

A: Yes, the Fellowship Training Committee is revising the bi-annual operative and non-operative milestone assessments and will distribute the updated version when it is completed. In the meantime, please continue to [complete the assessments](#) and make sure that you have completed it for each fellow at the 6-month, 12-month, 18 month, and 24-month intervals.

Q: What are the plans for the LDN and DCD courses? Will it include robotics?

A: The LDN and DCD workshops are offered as webinars this year. The LDN webinar will be on Friday, November 13, 2020 and the DCD Webinar will be on Friday, December 4, 2020. Fellows, junior faculty, or anyone interested in attending can register at ASTS.org. The ASTS Hands-on Education Task Force, led by Dr. Ty Diwan and Mark Hobeika, are expanding the courses to include a pancreas course, split liver, and robotic surgery.